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SUMMARY

SURABAYA QUIET BUT TENSE. PRESS CONTINUES REPORT STUDENT AND RELATED ACTIVITY BUT ALL OF IT PEACEFUL TO DATE. GROUP CLAIMING TO REPRESENT "YY GENERATION" HAVE THREATENED BLOOD BATH IF NIGHT CLUBS, MESSAGE PARLORS AND CASINOS NOT RPT NOT CLOSED BY SATURDAY. TWO OTHER STUDENT GROUPS MADE VISITS TO AUTHORITIES, ONE TO EXPRESS REGRETS FOR JAKARTA RIOTING AND ANOTHER TO REPEAT STANDARD COMPLAINTS ABOUT JAPANESE, CUKONGS, CORRUPT OFFICIALS, ETC. ALL REPORTEDLY CALM IN SEMARANG, JOGJAKARTA AND DENPASAR.

1. SITUATION IN SURABAYA REMAINS TENSE BUT CALM. BUSINESS ACTIVITY BELOW NORMAL. MESSAGE PARLORS, STEAM BATHS AND SOME NIGHT CLUBS CLOSED "VOLUNTARILY" ON ADVISE OF SECURITY AUTHORITIES. ARMY SOURCES STILL REPORTEDLY APPREHENSIVE THAT INCIDENTS BREWING BUT HAVE NOT YET COME UP WITH ANYTHING CONCRETE.

2. LOCAL PRESS ON EVENING OF JANUARY 17 AND MORNING JANUARY 18 CONTINUED REPORT ACTIVITIES OF STUDENT AND RELATED GROUPS. ONE SUCH GROUP DESCRIBED AS FORMER MEMBERS OF "ARIEF RAHMAN HAKIM ADOY" (ARHA - NAMED AFTER A MARTYR OF THE 1966 STUDENT STRUGGLE IN JAKARTA) AND THUS OSTENSIBLY REPRESENTING THE "YY GENERATION" HELD PRESS CONFERENCE JANUARY 17 TO ANNOUNCE THAT ALL NIGHT CLUBS, MESSAGE PARLORS, STEAM BATHS AND CASINOS MUST BE CLOSED BY JANUARY 19 OR THE ARHA ALUMNI WOULD TAKE STEPS TO CLOSE THEM. ABDOEL MOEIS, A 26 YEAR OLD PERPETUAL STUDENT, AS NOMINAL LEADER OF THE GROUP TOLD THE PRESS THAT AN ARHA DELEGATION HAD MET THE DAY BEFORE WITH ARMY DISTRICT COMMANDER OMHOR GENERAL SOEJONO TO URGE THE CLOSING OF THE ESTABLISHMENTS CONCERNED. SOEJONO REPORTEDLY POINTED OUT THAT THERE WOULD BE UNDESIRABLE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH A CLOSING

BUT WAS ADVISED THAT "WE SHOULD DARE TO ACCEPT SUCH CONSEQUENCES." OESMAN TOLD THE PRESS THAT IF THEIR DEMANDS WERE NOT MET THE ARHA MIGHT

TAKE ACTIONS THAT WOULD BE MORE VIOLENT THAN THE RIOTS IN JAKARTA. AN INFORMED SOURCE TOLD THE CONSULATE THAT THE REAL LEADER OF THE GROUP IS NOT OESMAN GUT A MIDDLE AGED HOTEL OWNER NAMED MOCH. ACHIJAT WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE. THE SOURCE SAID THE GROUP CONSISTS ENTIRELY OF FERVENT MOSLEMS AS DO THE TWO
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STUDENT GROUPS REPORTED BELOW.

3. TWO OTHER REPORTEDLY MOSLEM GROUPS ALSO MADE THE PRESS ON JANUARY 17. ONE CALLING ITSELF THE "WORRIED YOUTH MOVEMENT" ON JANUARY 16 PRESENTED TO THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY FOR TRANSMITTAL TO EAST JAVA GOVERNOR NOER A STATEMENT REPEATING THE BY NOW STANDARD CHARGES THAT GOVERNMENT RIDDLED WITH CORRUPTION AND "CUKONGI SM"

AND DEMANDING CLEAN-UP. GROUP CONSISTED OF STUDENTS BUT THEIR SCHOOLS NOT REPORTED. ON FOLLOWING MORNING TWENTY STUDENTS CALLING THEMSELVES THE "GROUP OF RESTLESS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS" CALLED ON PROVINCIAL DPRD CHAIRMAN MOHD. SAID TO EXPRESS REGRET OVER RECENT INCIDENTS IN JAKARTA WHICH THEY SAID HAD DESTROYED WELL-PLANNED NATIONAL STRATEGY OF YOUTH WHICH HAD THE SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT SUHARTO IN THE FORM OF HIS RECENT CALL FOR A TWO WAY COMMUNICATION. A SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE DPRD MUST PREVENT SIMILAR INCIDENTS IN EAST JAVA AT ALL COSTS.

4. TELEPHONE CHECKS BY CONOFF WITH INFORMED AMERICAN RESIDENTS IN DENPASAR, JOGJAKARTA AND SEMARANG INDICATED EVERYTHING QUIET IN THOSE CITIES. BALI SOURCE REPORTED THAT THERE IS MUCH DISCUSSION OF THE MATTER AND CONSIDERABLE SYMPATHY FOR THE COMPLAINTS IF NOT THE METHODS OF THE STUDENTS. ONE HIGH OFFICIAL SAID TO HAVE REMARKED THAT RIOTS WOULD HAVE THE GOOD EFFECT OF MAKING GOI SEE THAT STUDENT GRIEVANCES ARE GENUINE. JOGJAKARTA HAD TWO SMALL SCALE, PLACARD CARRYING DEMONSTRATIONS JANUARY 14 AND 15, BUT THEY WERE ENTIRELY PEACEFUL. STUDENT COUNCIL OF DIPONEGORO UNIVERSITY IN SEMARANG ISSUED STATEMENT REGRETTING JAKARTA EVENTS AND DISASSOCIATING ITSELF THEREFROM. ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN NO SIGNS OF TROUBLE, MANY STORES ARE CLOSED IN SEMARANG CITY. AID CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES REPORT-EDLY MAINTAINING VERY LOW PROFILE. AIR SERVICE TO JAKARTA FROM SEMARANG WAS CANCELLED COMPLETELY ON JANUARY 16 BUT WAS EXPECTED TO BE RESUMED JANUARY 18. RANDOLPH GALBRAITH

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